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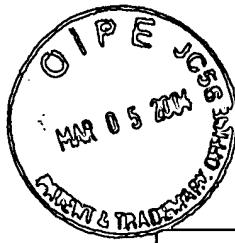
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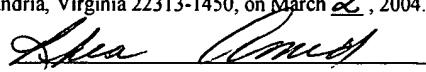
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The documents numbers 1 and 9 listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in an International Search Report mailed on September 10, 2003 (copy attached) directed to a counterpart international or foreign application.

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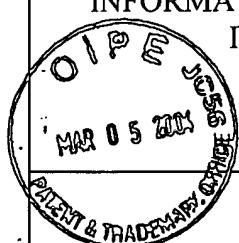
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	2.	11/1977	4,058,585	MacKay et al.	423	24	
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	13.	03/1999	WO 99/14403	WIPO			
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OTHER DOCUMENTS

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17.	International Search Report mailed on September 10, 2003, for PCT patent application no. PCT/US03/17116 filed on May 29, 2003, 3 pages.
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19.	Nathsarma et al. "Extraction and Separation of Mn(II) and Zn(II) from Sulphate Solutions by Sodium Salt of Cyanex 272" Hydrometallurgy 45:169-179 (1997)

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